

growing a mother shim on said photoresist with said pattern in it from said photoresist,

transferring said pattern from the mother shim to multiple sister shims,

transferring said pattern from said one of said sister shims to a die having a surface hardness of at least about 200 kg/mm^2 ,

providing a metal article to be impressed with said holographic image, said article having a surface hardness of at least about 50 kg/mm^2 , and

pressing said die against a surface on said metal article to transfer said holographic image into a surface on said metal article.

^{SUP B3} 16. (amended) A method of applying a holographic image to the surface of hard temper aluminum drawn can bodies comprising:

providing at least one cylindrical print cylinder having a holographic image in its surface around a portion of the circumference of the print cylinder and a smooth surface around the remainder of the circumference of the print cylinder,

providing a hard temper aluminum can body having a longitudinal axis parallel with the longitudinal axis of said at least print cylinder,

moving at least one of said at least one print cylinder and said can body toward the other to press said smooth surface on the print cylinder against said can body under substantial interfacial pressure, and

rotating at least one of said can body and said at least one print cylinder on its longitudinal axis while maintaining said substantial interfacial pressure to transfer said image from said print cylinder to the surface of said can body.

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments, the enclosed declarations and terminal disclaimer, and the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicant's specification has been amended as requested to show that Application Serial No. 09/166,974 has matured in U.S. Patent 6,006,415.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejections. The word "drawn" has been added to claim 16 to make it clear that the "can bodies" are in the drawn form and not can stock.

Declarations by all the inventors on the original application, Serial No. 08/991,101, and by the undersigned attorney, David W. Brownlee, are enclosed to show diligence by Applicants in filing their original application Serial No. 08/991,101, filed